



# BIG SANDY NEWS

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## SPEAKING HERE NEXT MONDAY

Hon. John W. Newman and Hon. J. N. Kehoe Will Address Democrats of Lawrence County Oct. 19.

On next Monday the Democrats of Lawrence county will have the opportunity of hearing two of the best speakers in Kentucky discuss the issues of the present campaign. Their names are Hon. John W. Newman, Kentucky's live Commissioner of Agriculture, and Hon. James N. Kehoe, the popular ex-Congressman of this district. They will tell you much that is new and interesting about affairs throughout Kentucky and the nation. The State committee is sending these able men here in response to a call from the Democrats of this county and in recognition of the loyalty of the party in Lawrence.

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## STATE FIELD AGENTS ARE WANTED FOR KENTUCKY.

Washington, Oct. 10.—The Department of Agriculture wants field agents to travel and collect information regarding the condition of crops, and that the initial salary for this position will be \$1,600 a year. Those desiring to take this examination will be required to submit satisfactory evidence of at least five years' practical experience in farming, and, in addition, an educational training equivalent to a four-year course in a college or university of recognized standing, or at least three years' responsible practical experience in work involving statistical methods or statistical inquiry, or experience as a State Statistical Agent in the Department of Agriculture.

Examinations of those who wish these positions will be held November 4 at Louisville, Ashland, Bowling Green, Covington, Lexington, Owensboro and Paducah.

## STATE S. S. CONVENTION IN LEXINGTON OCTOBER 20-23.

The Forty-ninth State Convention of the Kentucky Sunday School Association will meet in Lexington, October 20-23. A splendid program is being arranged, there will be some of the best speakers in the Sunday School work, music by a great choir, conferences on all departments of Sunday School activities. There are about 4000 Sunday Schools in Kentucky and every one of these is entitled to send delegates. No money can be better spent than by coming to such a gathering and meeting the people who are doing the best things for the uplift of Kentucky. Lexington is near the center of the State and is easily reached and, outside of the convention, has many attractions for visitors. Any one who is interested in making a greater and a better Kentucky can become a delegate.

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## COSSACK KILLED HERE SATURDAY

Nathan C. Day Held on Charge of Firing Fatal Shot.—Examining Trial in Progress.

On last Saturday afternoon, shortly before the beginning of the performance of the Kit Carson Wild West Show in this city, a difficulty occurred inside the show between Attorney W. T. Cain, of Louisa, and one of the performers, a Russian named Harlampe Paleravara, one of the Cossack riders. Blows were exchanged, and during the affray it is charged that Nathan C. Day, of this place, shot the Russian with a pistol.

The wounded man was placed in Drew Burchett's automobile and hurried to Riverview hospital for treatment. Day was arrested and taken to his home.

Shortly after the shooting one of the managers of the show, E. C. McCauley, swore out a warrant for Day's arrest, charging him with shooting and wounding with intent to kill. The warrant was issued by County Judge Clayton, who set Thursday, October 15th, for holding an examining trial and set the bond at \$1000 which was given. The Cossack died Sunday morning and the bond was raised to \$3000. Day executed the bond.

As soon as possible after he had been taken to the hospital the Russian was operated upon by Dr. York, Dr. Stambaugh, of Beaver, and Dr. Bromley assisting. The bullet had entered the man's back a little to the left of the spinal column, passed through the large end of the stomach not far from the diaphragm or "swallow," and came partly through the skin. There were also three or four cuts and bruises on the man's head and face. The two holes in the stomach were sewed up, the operation requiring much time. The patient came out from under the influence of the anesthetic all right and rallied well, but he began to sink a few hours later and died about 7:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

On Monday morning he was buried in Pine Hill cemetery, after funeral services, largely attended, conducted by the Rev. B. M. Keith at the M. E. Church South. The dead man was a member of the Orthodox Greek Church, and as such was given a christian burial. He was 36 years old and had a wife and four children in Russia. He was one of the Cossack riders belonging to the show. He had a leave of eighteen months from the Russian army and the time had almost expired.

The Russian Consulate was notified by wire of the man's death soon after it occurred.

The examining trial began Thursday morning and is still in progress as the NEWS goes to press. The Commonwealth called 28 witnesses and the defense about the same number.

The prosecution is represented by County Attorney C. F. See, Jr., and R. C. McClure. The attorneys for the defense are Cain, O'Neal, Sullivan, Vinson, Garred, Fulkerson, and Osborn.

Up to the noon hour the witnesses examined were Drs. York and Bromley, and a circus man named McCauley.

From the testimony of Commonwealth's witnesses in the examining trial about as follows: Mrs. Alice Kirk, sister of W. T. Cain, had a reserved seat. On the opposite side of the tent there was another section of reserved seats. A steady rain was falling and the tent was leaking, causing many people to raise umbrellas. Mrs. Kirk said she would go across to the other seats where her brother was and get an umbrella. She proceeded to do so, but failed to ask the woman at the reserved seat entrance for a return ticket or ticket. When she attempted to enter the reserved seat section on duty opposite side the two men on quarter demanded a ticket or the other was the Cossack. Mrs. Kirk stated that she had a seat on the other side and only wanted to get an umbrella from her English, except perhaps a few words, "ticket," "quarter," etc. Mr. Cain saw that Mrs. Kirk was trying to get in and went to her, leading her into the aisle. A controversy resulted and Cain struck an American showman. The Cossack had followed several steps when Cain turned and struck him with an umbrella. He drew a small whip from his belt, according to the Commonwealth's witnesses, and struck Mr. Cain. There was much confusion and the people stood up on the seats. It seems that the Russian went back to the entrance and was a short distance outside when the shot struck him. The testimony showed that the shot was fired by N. C. Day.

When the witnesses for the defense testified they will give the substance of their testimony. The defense claim, we understand, that the Russian was about to cut or stab a friend of Mr. Day and that the shot was fired to save his life.

The Commonwealth closed its case at 2:30 p. m., and the witnesses for the defense are being examined as we go to press.

Passengers on the train for Paintsville on Wednesday of last week were greeted by a light by contending back-drivers. Flints and whips were used and nobody was killed.

## CARSON SHOW HAD NO FLYING MACHINE.

As our readers well know, the Kit Carson show which exhibited here last Saturday, had extensively advertised a flying machine as one of its attractions, promising that a flight would be made at each place the show exhibited. It developed that no flying machine was with the show and a great many people were very much disappointed, as they had a right to be. A lot of this advertising had appeared in the Big Sandy News and we therefore felt somewhat indignant about the deception to which we, as well as the public, apparently had been subjected. One of the men connected with the management of the show was looked up by the proprietor of the NEWS and asked for an explanation. He claimed that an aviator with his aeroplane had been with the show until a few days before it reached here, when he suddenly quit and took his machine home. Also, that being within two or three weeks of the end of the season, the show would not try to arrange for another flying machine. He claimed that the advance man was notified of this as soon as possible, but that this occurred too late to stop the Louisa advertising.

The Independent has it from most reliable source that all work on the proposed C. & O. branch from Portsmouth to Columbus will be postponed for at least a year, perhaps longer, owing to the conditions of the financial and business world, due to the European war.

The surveying corps, who have been at work on the road, has been withdrawn, and it is understood many of the men are looking for work elsewhere, having been told that their services would not be needed for many months.

This means, also, that no further move will be made toward erecting the C. & O. bridge at Portsmouth.

## BUILDING POSTPONED ON PROPOSED C. & O. BRANCH.

Persons who have live stock of any description for sale should not forget that next Monday, County Court day, is the time to bring it in. Nearly every county in the State has its sales day. Those interested have found that these opportunities for disposing of horses, cattle and other kinds of stock are not to be neglected and our farmers and stock raisers should avail themselves of the same privilege.

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## PEACH ORCHARD GIVEN RESPITE OF ONE MONTH.

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## Ministers Asked to Observe "No Illiteracy" Sunday

Kentucky Commission Sends Out Appeal to all Ministers.

The war is on against illiteracy in Kentucky. The public school teachers and the press are destroying this, the Commonwealth's most vigorous foe. Men and women of other professions are becoming interested and are giving hearty support to the movement.

The Kentucky Illiteracy Commission earnestly requests that all ministers of the gospel in this State will set apart Sunday, October 25th, as a day to preach to the people of their respective congregations on the evils and disadvantages of illiteracy, and to urge each and every one to join in the movement by encouraging the establishment of moonlight schools and by influencing adults, and especially illiterate persons to attend.

Kentucky has 208,084—nearly a quarter of a million—persons who cannot read their Bibles. Surely every minister can see in this a serious handicap to religious work in our State. The Bible overflows with texts on the acquirement of knowledge and the necessity of instruction, and a sermon on the importance of stamping out illiteracy would be one of popular interest and would, undoubtedly, be far reaching in its effect.

We appeal to the ministers of Kentucky, one and all, to observe this day with a sermon to enlighten and inspire the people of their congregations to get actively to work to rid their communities of illiteracy, and to make of Kentucky a place where no illiteracy is to be found.

Any minister desiring leaflet of information will please write Kentucky Illiteracy Commission, Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart, President, Frankfort, Kentucky.

## RURAL SCHOOL DAY.

Gov. Hatfield, of West Virginia, has named October 23 as Rural School Day and recommending the observance of that day at every rural school house in the State.

The Governor has joined hands with the Department of Schools in an effort to improve and increase the educational opportunities of country youth and making more attractive rural life in general.

## CONVICTS TO WORK COUNTY HIGHWAYS

First Application in Kentucky Under New Law Made by Lawrence County.

The Lawrence Fiscal Court has made application to the State Prison Commission for twenty prisoners to work on the public highways of this county.

Thus Lawrence becomes the first county in the State to take advantage of the law passed by the Legislature of 1914, intended to authorize the working of convicts on certain roads. The law is given below.

The act of 1914 says: "There is hereby created a system of public State highways, which shall consist of roads connecting the county seat of each county of the Commonwealth with the county seats of adjoining counties by the most direct and practical route, and the county seat of the border counties with the State line on the most direct and practical route leading from said county seats to the county seats of adjacent counties in the adjacent States. These roads shall be the first to receive State aid, and after such roads are constructed in any county of the Commonwealth, then all other roads to which State aid is furnished thereafter may be deemed public State highways; and all such roads eligible to receive State aid under the provisions of this act shall be deemed public works of the Commonwealth."

Section 253 of the Constitution says: "Persons convicted of felony and sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary shall be confined at labor within the walls of the penitentiary; and the General Assembly shall not have the power to authorize employment of convicts elsewhere, except upon the public works of the Commonwealth or in case of the destruction of the prison building they cannot be confined in the penitentiary."

The Court of Appeals has knocked out so many laws lately that the Prison Commission desires to have this law passed upon before putting it into effect. For the purpose of getting action as quickly as possible a suit has already been started and the Court of Appeals will get a chance at it within a short time